

AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

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- 1. A redundant power distribution system having a plurality of distribution lines comprising:
- a plurality of regulators provided for respective ones of a plurality N of distribution lines;
- a plurality of isolation transformers coupled to said plurality of regulators and having a plurality of isolation boundaries; and
- at least one R(M/N) redundant regulator device circuit coupled to said plurality of isolation transformers where M (integer) of the N (integer) plurality of distribution lines elements are required to be operable so that the system operates properly;

said plurality of regulators, redundant regulator device circuit, and isolation transformers having forming a non-feedback looped configuration across said plurality of isolation boundaries.

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2. A system as in according to claim 1 wherein said at least one R(M/N) redundant regulator device circuit comprises a plurality of distribution switches.

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3. A system as in according to claim 1 wherein said plurality of regulators are primary regulators.

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4. A system as in according to claim 3 wherein said at least one R(M/N) redundant regulator device circuit comprises a plurality of secondary regulators.

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5. A redundant regulator circuit for a redundant power distribution

system comprising a plurality of regulators having coupled to a plurality of distribution lines formed between a plurality of source inputs and a common output, wherein said redundant regulator circuit is one in which M (integer) of N (integer) distribution lines are required to be operable for the system to operate properly, and forms a non-feedback looped configuration across the plurality of distribution lines.

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6. A circuit as in according to claim 5 wherein said plurality of regulators comprise a plurality of output adjustments voltage regulator circuits.

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7. A circuit as in according to claim 6 wherein said plurality of output adjustments voltage regulator circuits adjust voltage on said common output.

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- 8. A circuit as in according to claim 5 wherein said plurality of regulators comprise:
 - a first regulator having a first input and a first output; and
- a second regulator having a second input and a second output that is coupled to said first output.

- 9. A redundant power distribution system comprising:
- a plurality of primary regulators <u>provided for respective ones of a plurality</u>

 N of distribution lines;
- a plurality of isolation transformers <u>having inputs</u> electrically coupled to said plurality of primary regulators;
- at least one redundant regulator circuit, electrically coupled to said plurality of isolation transformers, is one in which M (integer) of N (integer) distribution lines are required to be operable for the system to operate properly, and forms a non-feedback looped configuration across the plurality of distribution lines; and

a plurality of secondary regulators <u>electrically coupled to outputs of said</u> <u>plurality of isolation transformers.</u>

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10. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said plurality of primary regulators comprises at least one controller comparing a primary voltage with a reference voltage and generating an error signal, said controller adjusting voltage output of said plurality of isolation transformers in response to said error signal.

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11. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said at least one redundant regulator circuit comprises at least a portion of said plurality of secondary regulators.

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12. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said at least one redundant regulator circuit is a single integral unit.

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13. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said plurality of secondary regulators have a common output.

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14. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said at least one redundant regulator circuit is electrically coupled to each of said plurality of isolation transformers.

- 15. A system as in according to claim 9 wherein said at least one redundant regulator circuit comprises:
 - a first redundant regulator circuit coupled to a first isolation transformer

and to a second isolation transformer; and

a second redundant regulator circuit coupled to said first isolation transformer and to said second isolation transformer.

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16. A system as in according to claim 15 wherein said at least one redundant regulator circuit comprises a third redundant regulator circuit coupled to said first isolation transformer and to said second isolation transformer.

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17. A system as in according to claim 9 further comprising at least one distribution switch electrically coupled to said plurality of primary regulators.

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- 18. A system as in according to claim 17 wherein said at least one distribution switch comprises:
- a first distribution switch electrically coupled to a first primary regulator of said plurality of primary regulators; and
- a second distribution switch electrically coupled to a second primary regulator of said plurality of primary regulators.

- 19. A redundant power distribution system comprising:
- a plurality of power sources;
- a plurality of converters electrically coupled to said power sources, having a plurality of outputs, and <u>each of said converters</u> comprising:
 - at least one regulator; and
 - at least one isolation transformer; and
 - at least one output distribution switch electrically coupled to said plurality

of <u>converter</u> outputs <u>forming a non-feedback looped configuration across the plurality of converter outputs, in which M (integer) of N (integer) converter outputs are required to be operable for the system to operate properly.</u>

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- 20. A system as in according to claim 19 wherein said at least one output distribution switch comprises:
- a first output distribution switch electrically coupled to a first converter and to a second converter; and
- a second output distribution switch electrically coupled to said first converter and to said second converter.

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21. A system as in according to claim 20 wherein said at least one output distribution switch comprises a third output distribution switch electrically coupled to said first converter and to said second converter.

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22. A system as in according to claim 19 further comprising at least one input distribution switch electrically coupled to said plurality of power sources and said plurality of converters.

- 23. A system as in according to claim 22 wherein said at least one input distribution switch comprises:
- a first input distribution switch electrically coupled to a first source and to a second source; and
- a second input distribution switch electrically coupled to said first source and to said second source.

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24. A system as in according to claim 23 wherein said first input distribution switch is coupled to a first converter and said second input distribution switch is coupled to a second converter.

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25. A system as in according to claim 22 wherein said at least one input distribution switch when in an ON state supplies power from said plurality of power sources to a converter.

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26. A method of redundantly supplying and distributing power from a plurality of power sources to a plurality of loads comprising:

coarsely regulating power received from a the plurality of power sources to the plurality of loads;

isolating said coarsely regulating power from power received by at least one redundant regulator circuit which forms a non-feedback looped configuration across the plurality of power sources; and

finely regulating said power received by <u>said</u> at least one redundant regulator circuit to generate a plurality of redundant power outputs <u>to the plurality of</u> loads in a number as required to maintain operability for said power-supplied loads.

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27. A method as in according to claim 26 further comprising combining said plurality of redundant power outputs.